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Ms. Marlene Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Lobby - TW - A325 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Response to Counterproposal

Meyersville, Texas (MB Docket No. 05-246)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is an original and four (4) copies of my Response to Counterproposal for Channel 261A at Meyersville, Texas. (MB Docket No. 05-246)

Respectfully submitted,

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Table of Allotments	)	RM-11263
FM Broadcast Stations	)	
(Meyersville, Texas	)	

To: Office of the Secretary

Attn: Audio Division, Media Bureau

#### RESPONSE TO COUNTERPROPOSAL

I, Charles Crawford, hereby respectfully respond to the Counterproposal in the above captioned proceeding, filed by LaGrange Broadcasting Corporation ("LaGrange") on September 19, 2005 and put on Public Notice, Report No. 2753, released January 25, 2006.

#### DISCUSSION

LaGrange proposes a second service to Yoakum in lieu of a first service to Meyersville

In their Counterproposal, LaGrange is proposing to move KTXM 260A/ Hallettsville to channel 261A, relocate the station, and re-license it to Yoakum, Texas as the second service to that community, in lieu of allotting Channel 261A as a first service to Meyersville, Texas as proposed in the NPRM. Additionally, at page 1, footnote #1, LaGrange says in their counterproposal to this proceeding,

"...since the Commission's ECFS system, for some unexplained reason, does not include the petition nor any other document in this docket with the sole exception of the NPR, but as a "Petition for Reconsideration"."

Therefore, for ease of reference I have included my original petition and my petitioner's comments as Attachment A.

### LaGrange has already pledged KTXM 260A/ Hallettsville in MB Docket No. 04-215

In the counterproposal filed by Fort Bend Broadcasting Company in the currently active proceeding, MB Docket No. 04-215, Matagorda, Texas, LaGrange has pledged to relocate the reference coordinates of KTXM some 13.6 km north west in order to clear the proposed assignment of FM Channel 259C3 at Edna, Texas. An important public benefit claimed within that counterproposal is the "white area" which will be covered by KTXM by relocating its site to 29 32 03/97 02 54. At page 2 of the counterproposal, Fort Bend Broadcasting Company says,

"..also include a first new reception service to persons located in a presently unserved "white area" who would receive that new first reception service from a necessary relocation of transmitter site for KTXM in Hallettsville."

Again at page 10, Fort Bend Broadcasting Company says,

"It is submitted that the gains resulting from this change at KTXM would serve the highest priority considered in allocation proceedings (a first reception service) and, as such, provides a further

independent public interest basis for adoption of the Fort Bend proposal. LaGrange Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of KTXM has committed and agreed (Exhibit A) that upon approval of the Fort Bend counterproposal, it will promptly file an application for minor modification of license to make the change in site location as set forth herein, and upon approval of that application, to diligently construct and operate KTXM at that new site."

KTXM can't do both. KTXM can't relocate some 13.6 km north west to 29 32 03/ 97 02 54 and pick up "white area" coverage as proposed in MB Docket No 04-215 and move to Channel 261A, relocate to 29 15 47/ 97 10 45, and relicense to Yoakum, Texas as proposed in the above captioned proceeding.

#### Meyersville is a community for FM allotment purposes

LaGrange contends that Meyersville, Texas does not qualify as a community for FM allotment purposes. I disagree. Meyersville, Texas is a community that has the characteristics that the Commission equates with community status for allotment purposes and is deserving of an FM allotment.

As I stated in my reply comments, Meyersville is a 150-year-old German community of 110 people located on Farm Road 3157 some 22.5 kilometers south of Cuero<sup>1</sup> and approximately 30 kilometers north of Goliad in extreme

The Handbook of Texas Online, "Meyersville, Texas is just east of U.S. Highwasy 183 and fourteen miles south of Cuero..." 1 mile - 1.609 kilometers x 14 miles = 22.526 kilometers.

southern DeWitt County. 2 It was the second community established in DeWitt County, after Yorktown, in 1848. Eight businesses in Myersville have been given a credit rating by Dun & Bradstreet as of November 2002.3 Meyersville has its own post office which was established in December 1851 and its own zip code, 77974. (See, Attachment B) The Meyersville Postmaster, Barbara E. Miller, says she provides residential delivery to over 130 residences in Meyersville.

Like other "communities' to which the FCC has allotted a "first local aural service," Meyersville has two local churches, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church. St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in 1851 and is one of the oldest congregations in Texas. The church structure was built in 1867 and Eric L. Petty is pastor, Marjorie Kdeus in organist/ pianist, Rupert Egg is associate organist, Mary K. Rabe is adult choir director, Debbie Glawson in youth choir director. Ruth Bettge is president of the Old Stone Church Historical Committee. Community social events are held at the church, such as weddings and dinners.

The Meyersville Independent School District, home of the "Panthers", only serves the city of Meyersville and

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Texas Almanac</u> 2004-2005, page 344 & 178. <u>Texas Almanac</u> 2004-2005, page 344.

surrounding rural areas. The school district serves a student community of 154 from grades K-8. Obert Sagebiel is president, Laura A. Whitson superintendent, and an eight member board of Trustees who include Delvin Arndt, vice president, Johnny Jank, secretary, Kim Brennan, Rhonda Goebel, Robert Moore and Dawn Otto. The regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Meyersville Independent School District are held in Meyersville at the Meyersville School Board Room. (See, Attachment C) The inter district sports available at the school are basketball, volleyball, flag football and track. The scoreboard in the basketball gym was purchased with money raised from the community fundraiser event that the school organizes once a year. The school has a baseball field, football field and playground which are available to the Meyersville residents.

Meyersville has its own volunteer fire department and two fire trucks. Once a year in April, the community organizes a "Meyersville Volunteer Fire Department BBQ Chicken Fundraiser" with over 600 BBQ chickens and the proceeds benefiting the Meyersville Volunteer Fire Department. In 2003, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recognized Madisonville and its volunteer fire

department with a \$185,540 grant. The VFD's proposed grant went through a national peer review processinvolving more than 300 fire service leaders. (See, Attachment D)

The citizens of Meyersville exercise their civic pride and sense of community identity in a number of ways, one of which was getting Meyersville listed in the official Texas Highway Travel Map in 1998. With the dedicated efforts of Meyersville residents, such as Ruth and Elroy Peters and Cobb and Ruth Egg More, they wrote a resolution, got backing from the two local churches, the church counsel, the Meyersville School Board and DeWitt County Commissioners Court and received approval from the state to be included in the official Texas Highway Travel Map beginning in 1998. (See, Attachment E, "Residents put town on map-literally", San Antonio Express-News, December 10, 1997)

Although Meyersville is admittedly a small town, it is clearly an "identifiable population grouping" and because the one hundred and ten residents have no other nearby town to turn to for daily services, Meyersville qualifies as a "community" for FCC allotment purposes.

See Semora, North Carolina, 5 FCC Rcd 934 (1990)

("community' found even where no local schools and population estimated at only 150).

Moreover, Meyersville is not a small town on the fringe of some larger urban (or even rural) community. See Cal-Nev-Ari et al., Docket No. 93-279, Memorandum Opinion and Order, released October 8, 1999 (Application for Review granted) ("community" found where there were two population groups totaling about 350 persons on either side of road, even though there were no local schools or any local civic group). As in Cal-Nev-Ari, Meyersville is more than 22.5 kilometers from any town of comparable size. Indeed,

Meyersville has more of the social and economic indicia of a "community" than existed in either the Semora or the Cal-Nev-Ari cases. In sum, the evidence establishes that

Meyersville - whose post office dates back to December, 1851, is a distinct geographical population grouping that qualifies under FCC precedent as a "community" for allotment purposes.

#### Conclusion

The "Meyersville Independent School District School History," (See, Attachment F), begins with a discussion of the community of Meyersville and its beginnings in 1851.

The conclusion of the article, written by Rohnda Doehrman Goebel with credit given to Mrs. Elizabeth Haun and Mrs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Unlike Meyersville, the community of Cal-Nev-Ari had no local school system, no churches nor any local civic organization. The population of Meyersville is approximately that of Semora, NC, and Meyersville has the same number of churches as did Semora.

Ruth Egg, discusses the closeness of the school and the community. Rohnda Doehrman Goebel says,

"But from all the former students I interviewed and the students of Meyersville school who approach the new millennium one important factor stands out - a feeling of closeness, community and family. Everyone always recalls how at Meyersville School all students got along and get along together. It may be because of the physical closeness of classrooms which puts younger and older students into same proximity; it may be the assemblies; maybe the actual family relationships of brothers, sisters, cousin, and neighbors all attending school together. But I think it has to do with a certain set of values that Meyersville itself holds dear. That is the feeling that we are a family, we are proud of ourselves and of each other. Whether we are blood related or not, Meyersville means family. I believe the students of Meyersville School will always hold this feeling of pride and respect for their school and community as a high priority."

Surely, Meyersville, its history, its residents and its unique rural sense of community are deserving of recognition by the FCC.

Should the Commission grant the Meyersville, Texas petition and allot Channel 261A to Meyersville, Petitioner will apply for Channel 261A at Meyersville and after it is authorized, will promptly construct the new facility.

The factual information provided in this "Response to Counterproposal" is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 6, 2006

ATTACHMENT A
(Petition for Rule Making and Petitioner's Comments)

June 25, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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Re: Petition for Rule Making Meyersville, Texas

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is an original and four (4) copies of a Petition for Rule Making to add Channel 261A at Meyersville, Texas.

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To: John Karousos, Assistant Chief Audio Division of the Media Bureau

#### PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 1.401, Charles Crawford respectfully petitions the FCC to institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments to add Channel 261A at Meyersville, Texas.

#### DISCUSSION

Petitioner respectfully submits that the public interest would be served by allocating Channel 261A to Meyersville, Texas as that community's first FM service. Meyersville is an community with a population of 110 people according to the 2002/2003 Texas Almanac. Meyersville, Texas has its own school system, the Meyersville Independent School District, post office, volunteer fire department and a number of local churches. The proposed channel 261A will provide additional diversity and an outlet for local self-expression to Meyersville residents and therefore is in the public interest.

In order for Channel 261A to be allotted to Meyersville, Texas, station KCYY Channel 262C at San Antonio, Texas must be reclassified to a CO. (See, Attachment A, Request to Reclassify statement)

Attached hereto is a channel study confirming that Channel 261A can be allocated to Meyersville, Texas, consistent with the FCC's FM separation rules. See

revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1992). (See, Attachment B)

Reference coordinates for Channel 261A at Meyersville, Texas are:

28 54 58 N 97 19 37 W

Should this petition be granted, and Channel 261A be allotted to Meyersville, Texas, Petitioner will apply for Channel 261A, and after it is authorized, will promptly construct the new facility.

The factual information provided in this Petition for Rule Making is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

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### Attachment A

(Request to Reclassify statement for Station KCYY/ San Antonio, Texas)  $\,$ 

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Petition for Rule Making FM Channel 261A Meyersville, Texas June 25, 2003

#### Attachment A

Request to Reclassify Station KCYY(FM), San Antonio, Texas Pursuant to MM Docket 98-93

Radio Station KCYY(FM), San Antonio, Texas is licensed to CXR Holdings, Inc., 3993 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 250, Las Vegas, NV 89109, (Facility ID 48718), FCC File No. BMLH 20001010ACO. The facility operates with a power of 100 kilowatts with center of radiation 300 meters height above average terrain. The above captioned Docket 98-93 provides the mechanism to automatically downgrade a Class C facility to Class C0 when a demand is made for the spectrum, as is the case here. Charles Crawford respectfully requests that the license of Radio Station KCYY(FM) be modified to specify operation on FM Channel 262C0 instead of on FM Channel 262C in accordance with the above Docket which provides for such downgrades when a demand for the unused spectrum is made, as is the case here.

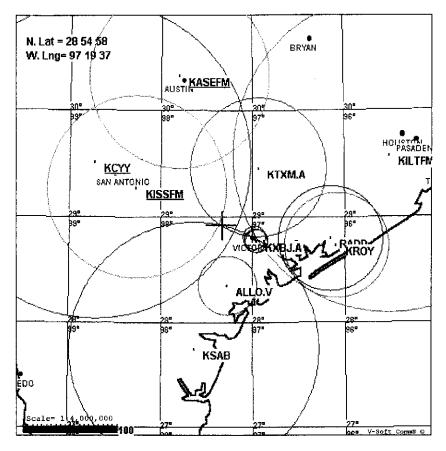
Charles Crawford, the proponent of Channel 261A at Meyersville, Texas, in accordance with the above Docket, formally requests that the Commission reclassify Radio Station KCYY(FM) as a Class C0 facility. Charles Crawford certifies that no alternative channel is available for the service he proposes at Meyersville, Texas as is proposed in the Petition for Rule Making. A copy of this Petition for Rule Making is being served on CXR Holdings, Inc. as is required in the above Docket.

Charles Crawford

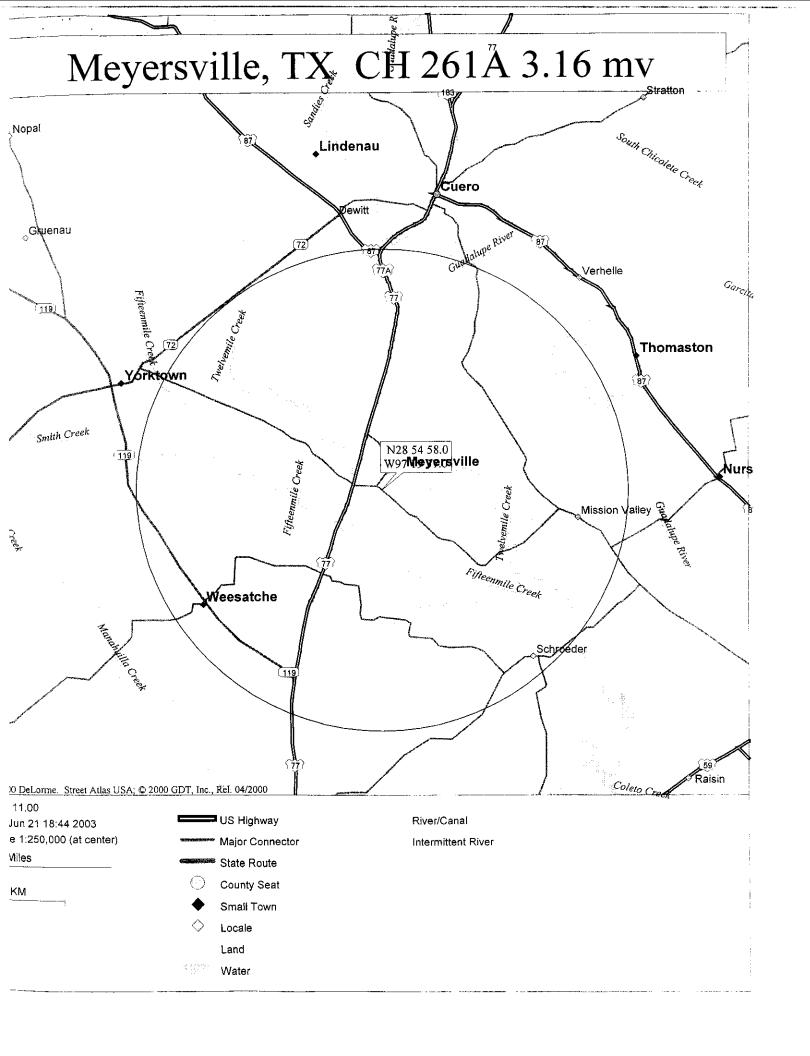
### Attachment B

(Channel Study for Channel 261A at Meyersville, Texas)

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Call	CH#	Туре	:	Location		D-KM	Azi	FCC	Margin
KCYY	262C*	LIC		San Antonio	TX	151.58	296.8	165.0	-13.42
KSAB	260C1	LIC		Robstown	TX	132.57	193.3	133.0	-0.43
KTXM	260A	LIC	N	Hallettsville	TX	71.59	32.0	72.0	-0.41
KTXM.A	260A	APP	N	Hallettsville	TX	71.59	32.0	72.0	-0.41
KISSFM	258C*	LIC		San Antonio	TX	99.55	293.9	95.0	4.55
KXBJ.C	207C3	CP		Victoria	TX	35.95	110.2	12.0	23.95
KXBJ	207C3	LIC		Victoria	TX	38.13	113.6	12.0	26.13
KILTFM	262C	LIC		Houston	TX	191.17	67.0	165.0	26.17
KXBJ.A	207C3	APP		Victoria	TX	39.67	113.7	12.0	27.67
KXBJ.A	207C3	APP		Victoria	TX	39.67	113.7	12.0	27.67
ALLO.V	263A	VAC		Refugio	TX	62.94	175.4	31.0	31.94
RADD	259C2	ADD		Bay City	TX	115.15	96.4	55.0	60.15
KASEFM	264C*	LIC		Austin	TX	162.20	343.7	95.0	67.20
RDEL	259C2	DEL		Palacios	TX	122.40	99.4	55.0	67.40
KROY	259C2	LIC	N	Palacios	ΤX	122.40	99.4	55.0	67.40



#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Charles Crawford, hereby certify that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003, I caused copies of the foregoing "Petition for Rule Making for Meyersville, Texas" to be placed in the U.S. Postal Service, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following persons:

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Please accept these comments as restated below from Proponents original petition and additional information demonstrating that Meyersville is a community as requested in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, released July 29, 2005

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Meyersville Store, 2231 Meyersville Rd, Meyersville, TX 77974, (361) 275-2049.

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ATTACHMENT B (Meyersville Zip Code)